

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~canvass~~ canvas assembly, comprising:
a ~~canvass~~ canvas, wherein the ~~canvass~~ canvas is coated with a plastic coating; and
a strip, wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member and a matrix
of a thermoplastic material, said thermoplastic material being extruded on said elongated
metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic coating of said
canvas, wherein said elongated metal member is coated with a primer layer and said
thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, and wherein said
thermoplastic material adheres to said coated elongated metal member;
wherein the strip is welded to the ~~canvass~~ canvas such that the thermoplastic material
adheres to the plastic coating of the ~~canvass~~ canvas.

2. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A strip for reinforcement of ~~canvases~~ canvasses having a
plastic coating, wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member and a
matrix of a thermoplastic material, said thermoplastic material being extruded on said
elongated metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic
coating of said canvas, wherein said elongated metal member is coated with a primer layer
and said thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, and wherein said
thermoplastic material adheres to said coated elongated metal member, wherein said metal
member is a wire with a rounded I-profile.

13. – 40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said primer layer comprises
a thermosetting material.

42. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 41, wherein said thermosetting material is selected from the group consisting of acrylate based resins, epoxy based resins or alkyd based resins.

43. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said primer layer comprises a hot melt.

44. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 43, wherein said hot melt is selected from the group consisting of ethylene copolymers, polyamides or polyesters.

45. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said primer layer comprises a bifunctional silane compound.

46. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material is polyvinylchloride.

47. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic material is a polyvinylchloride compound.

48. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than 1500 N/mm².

49. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than 1700 N/mm².

50. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a thickness of less than 0.35 mm.

51. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a wire with a rounded I-profile.

52. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a steel wire with a carbon content of at least 0.40%.

53. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member comprises at least two metal members.

54. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 53, wherein the metal members are located parallel in the plane of the strip, each metal member being in contact with at least one other metal member.

55. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein the metal member is coated with a zinc layer or with a zinc alloy layer.

56. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of said strips and a fabric for reinforcement of the canvases, said fabric comprising a warp and a weft, at least one of the warp and the weft being formed by said plurality of said strips.

57. (New) A fabric according to claim 56, wherein both the warp and the weft are formed by said plurality of said strips.

58. (New) A canvas assembly according to claim 1, wherein said metal member is a wire.